

band and the drama club. She participates in caroling at nursing homes, and makes crafts, food and toy drives for Hopelink, a local nonprofit organization. She is very active in the reading tutoring program, often giving up her lunch recess to help others learn to be successful readers. Kaaren is also an active member of her church and local Girl Scout Troop and enjoys playing soccer, softball, basketball and swimming.

She and all of the other AAA winners deserve our thanks and applause.

On behalf of the Senate, I extend congratulations and thanks to these young men and women. They are assets to their communities, and their families and neighbors should be very proud of their courage and dedication.

I would also like to recognize the American Automobile Association for providing the supplies and training necessary to keep the safety patrol on duty nationwide.

Since the 1920s, AAA clubs across the country have sponsored student safety patrols to guide and protect younger classmates against traffic accidents. Easily recognizable by their fluorescent orange safety belt and shoulder strap, safety patrol members represent the very best of their schools and communities. Experts credit school safety patrol programs with helping to lower the number of traffic accidents and fatalities involving young children.

We owe AAA our gratitude for their tireless efforts to ensure that our Nation's children arrive to and from school safe and sound. And we owe our thanks to these exceptional young men and women for their selfless actions. The discipline and courage they displayed deserves the praise and recognition of their schools, their communities and the Nation.

GAMING LAW POLICY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, last month I had the wonderful opportunity to speak to students in a gaming law policy class at the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. As I am sure you are aware, yesterday the Senator from Arizona reintroduced legislation that would make it illegal to wager on college sports in Nevada, where it is legal and heavily regulated. The legislation will not solve the problems the sponsors of the legislation seek to solve. Recently, I received a letter from several students in the class who have done a great deal of research on the subject. I share the views they have, and I ask unanimous consent to print their letter in today's RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

WILLIAM S. BOYD SCHOOL OF LAW,
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA AT LAS VEGAS
Las Vegas, NV, April 24, 2003.

Hon. HARRY REID,
U.S. Senate, Hart Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR REID: We write to you as members of the Gaming Law Policy Class at

the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. Our class includes students from states that have no legal gaming, such as Hawaii. One of the topics that our class has researched this semester, under the direction of Adjunct Professors Tony Cabot and Bob Faiss, is congressional legislation that would outlaw collegiate sports wagering in Nevada casinos. After researching this matter in detail, we have come to the conclusion that such legislation would not effectively address the problem that its proponents are trying to correct.

We recognize this is the conclusion that you and the other members of Nevada's congressional delegation have also reached in your consideration of this subject. We have reviewed the legislation that you co-sponsored with Senator John Ensign during the last Congress and agree that this approach would do much more to eradicate the problems created by illegal sports wagering on college campuses.

Based on our in-depth analysis of this subject, we felt compelled to send this formal expression of support for your efforts. Our letter is not to be considered an official expression of the law school. We have prepared it as individuals sharing a common view.

Our examination of this subject has led us to the following conclusions:

1. Banning collegiate sports wagering in Nevada would do nothing to eradicate or reduce illegal collegiate sports wagering. Banning gambling in Nevada is unlikely to end any illegal gambling on college athletics. The amount of wagering that takes place on collegiate sport wagering in Nevada is a minuscule fraction of the overall amount of wagering that takes place nationally. The money wagered in Nevada on college athletics would flow to the domestic black market or to offshore Internet gaming companies.

2. Nevada casinos actually assist law enforcement in exposing illegal gambling schemes. Nevada sports books have a proven record of uncovering suspicious gambling activity. Absent the scrutiny of Nevada sports books, law enforcement would have no real-time monitor on unusual wagering trends.

3. Nevada collegiate sports wagering is not the problem. The money that is legally wagered in Nevada on college athletics is only two percent of the estimated total amount wagered on college athletics across the country. The proponents of legislation to outlaw collegiate sports wagering in Nevada have presented no credible evidence that legal wagering in Nevada is the cause of the problems such legislation is attempting to correct.

4. The idea that Nevada encourages illegal wagering throughout the rest of the country is without any factual support. As stated, such wagering in Nevada comprises a very small percentage of the total amount of wagering that occurs. Newspapers, including USA Today, are on record as stating that they will publish betting odds and point-spreads regardless of whether wagering on college athletics is legal. Offshore Internet sites would also continue to publish betting odds and point-spreads.

5. Nevada sports book operators are highly regulated and subject to intense scrutiny. Nevada sports book operators have never been involved in a point-shaving scandal.

In conclusion, our research shows that banning regulated wagering on college athletics in Nevada will not address the problem of the influence of illegal wagering on student-athletes and will, in fact, remove a tool that law enforcement has to expose illegal betting schemes.

We therefore hope that others members of the Congress will support the common-sense approach taken by you and the other mem-

bers of the Nevada delegation to address the problem of illegal wagering on college athletics.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Aguero, Kevin Bumstead, Anthony Celeste, Zachary Fritz, Edward Magaw, Nathan Miller, Shannon Okada, Jennifer Stallard, Douglas Walker, Members of the 2003 Gaming Law Policy Class.

Anthony Celeste, Nathan Miller, Student Project Chairmen.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a great American, a great patriot, a courageous Airman, husband and father, LTC William Watkins III of Halifax County, VA.

Lieutenant Colonel Watkins fought so that our families—all Americans—could lead our lives and freedoms in greater security. His mission was noble—and embodies the absolute greatest of the American ideas.

Lieutenant Colonel Watkins' F-15 went down on April 7 near Tikrit, Iraq. His courageous actions contributed to the success of our mission—the prevention of the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and the permanent removal of the heavy boot of oppression from the throats of the Iraqi people.

Lieutenant Colonel Watkins left his home and family to travel around the world to liberate an oppressed people—most whom he had never met. There was no personal benefit, there was no monetary reward.

When Lieutenant Colonel Watkins was called to action, he knew the mission, the purpose and the goal was larger than one man. He answered his country's call with a simple, "yes sir"—steady in his love for the cause of freedom.

Shortly after Lieutenant Colonel Watkins death, The Danville Register and Bee, his hometown paper, aptly noted:

We live in a safe, free and prosperous country because men like Watkins have always been willing to sacrifice their lives to protect the birthright of every American. It is a sacrifice made on behalf of millions of people who don't have to risk anything . . . Watkins' sacrifice on behalf of freedom will help protect many lives in the future. The world was better with Watkins in it, and it is safer because he was willing to fight to make it that way.

Truer words were never written.

William Watkins was recently promoted to lieutenant colonel. A promotion well deserved. He graduated from the U.S. Naval academy in 1989 and served as a flight officer in the Navy for 12 years. In 2001, he transferred to the Air Force to continue his service to his country—where he served as a weapons system officer. He loved this country.

Serving our country wasn't something Lieutenant Colonel Watkins "did." It was something he lived. His wife, Major Melissa Watkins, continues to serve our country as an intelligence officer. And while we will never know

her and her children's loss or pain, we continue to hold them in prayer and support them in all ways possible.

No tribute, no speech will replace Lieutenant Colonel Watkins. His children will grow up never knowing this truly great American. He will be missed. And, while it certainly does not fill the void left by his death, the greatest tribute to his life can be summed up by one act, one moment that will live in each of our memories forever.

It is the moment that a free Iraqi people, liberated from the chains of oppression, gathered in central Baghdad, breathed their first breaths of freedom and tore down the statue of the vile, ruthless dictator Saddam Hussein.

So, each time we see that footage of that historic event, each time we hear of the end of Saddam's ruthless, torturous regime, each time an Iraqi speaks their mind, we should, we must, remember the sacrifices of great, giving American servicemen and women like LTC William Watkins.

May he rest in peace, knowing how grateful we are and that we will support his family.

REQUEST FOR SEQUENTIAL REFERRAL—S. 1035

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent a letter to the honorable BILL FRIST be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
Washington, DC, May 8, 2003.

Hon. BILL FRIST,
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. LEADER: Pursuant to section 3(b) of S. Res. 400 of the 94th Congress, I request that S. 1025, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, which was reported out on May 8, 2003, by the Select Committee on Intelligence, be sequentially referred to the Committee on Armed Services for a period not to exceed thirty days of session.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

JOHN WARNER,
Chairman.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. In the last Congress Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred September 19, 2001 in New York, NY. A 30 year-old Muslim man was assaulted by a group of six to eight men. The attackers shouted anti-Arab insults and pelted him with stones. The attackers fled before authorities could apprehend them.

I believe that Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, as you walk the halls of the Senate today, you may have noticed many young and bright faces. Today, we are celebrating the 11th anniversary of "Take Our Daughters to Work Day." Senator Hutchinson and I have been pleased to oversee today's activities with our colleagues.

Over 11 million girls ages 9 to 15 are spending today with their parents, relatives, friends, neighbors, and other mentors experiencing the wide range of careers the world has to offer.

Since 1993, 82 million young women and some young men have participated in this outstanding program. According to a recent poll commissioned by the Ms. Foundation for Women, girls believe the program increased their interest in education, broadened their thinking about the future, and strengthened their relationship with their parents and other caring adults.

This morning's Senate activities began with a breakfast and a tour of the Senate floor for approximately 200 girls and their sponsors, many of them Senate staff members and assistants who wanted to share with their girls the excitement and challenges of working in our Nation's Capitol, and in particular, here in the Senate.

This year, I am happy to host 19 young ladies, all with very promising futures, many from my home State of Louisiana. Please welcome: Miss Leslie Ann Leavoy of DeRidder, LA; Miss Monica Manning of Conyers, GA; Miss Sofia Gold of Chevy Chase, MD; Miss Nicoleta Koha and Miss Joyanna Malutinok of Lexington, MA; Miss Eliza Shaw, Miss Molly Claire Shaw, Miss Lindsey McDonough, Miss Allison McDonough, Miss Janie Abernathy, and Miss Kerry Garikes of Washington, DC; Miss Adrienne Lewis and Miss Megan Johnson of Baton Rouge, LA; Miss Caroline Mitchell of Mandeville, LA; Miss Jillian Baker of McLean, VA; Miss Taylor Denson and Miss Emma Caffery of New Orleans, LA; Miss Lena Jones of Fort Gordon, GA; and Miss Katy Magruder of Maitland, FL.

In closing, I would like to thank the Ms. Foundation the founder and organizer of this outstanding program that has impacted in a very positive way the lives of millions of girls and has become a tradition for thousands of workplaces around the country.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL NURSES WEEK 2003

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of National Nurses Week, celebrated this year from May 5 through May 12. Our annual tribute to the women and men who give comfort to the ill and injured across the country reminds us that nurses stand daily on the front lines of the health care profession. This year, however, we should also be reminded of the brave nursing professionals who serve on and behind the front lines of battle: America's military nurses. With our campaign in Iraq coming to a close, it is fitting to honor the patriots who mend and support our Armed Forces in the field, in addition to those who keep us healthy at home.

The first official military nurse corps in the United States was established in the Army at the turn of the last century. American women, however, had served as combat nurses in every major conflict since the Revolutionary War and, until the creation of the Army Nurse Corps, did so without recognition and as volunteers. In grade school we learned the story of Clara Barton and the gracious care she gave to soldiers wounded in the Civil War. But there were many women throughout American history—quite often the wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of military men—who took up the role of nurse and treated the injured. They were compelled by genuine concern, kindness, and patriotism, and they used whatever supplies were available to them in their homes and neighborhoods.

In the First and Second World Wars, nursing was the predominant service women were allowed to perform as participating members of the military. During these wars and in conflicts since, nurses have sacrificed their safety and, at times, their lives in serving overseas as medical professionals. Here in our Nation's Capital, as part of the Vietnam Memorial on the National Mall, there is a very poignant statue dedicated to the nurses who joined our troops in Southeast Asia. The image illustrates the important integration of medical care givers in successful military operations and the strength of these women who traveled to Vietnam and faced the same dangers and perils our soldiers did. In the gulf war, Afghanistan, and Iraq, military nurses have continued to exhibit this resolve and calm while tending to our Armed Forces. For a wounded soldier abroad, I can imagine no greater comfort.

My appreciation for those who serve our communities and our Nation through the nursing profession stems from my experiences growing up on the campus of a Veterans Administration, VA, hospital. Additionally, my mother, sister, and wife all have nursing backgrounds and I have witnessed their commitment to quality health care and to their patients throughout my life. As we honor the women and men who are dedicated to this profession in clinics, hospitals, and VA facilities across